AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (New) A method for recording operating data of a motor vehicle, comprising:
generating a command sequence;
transmitting the command sequence to a monitoring unit in the motor vehicle; and
processing the command sequence in a processing unit in the monitoring unit.

17. (New) The method as recited in Claim 16, wherein:
the command sequence determines a type of operating data recording.

18. (New) The method as recited in Claim 16, wherein:
the command sequence is generated in a remote location and is transmitted wirelessly from the remote location to the processing unit.

19. (New) The method as recited in Claim 16, wherein:
the command sequence is transmitted by a mobile storage medium.

20. (New) The method as recited in Claim 16, wherein:
the command sequence is transmitted via a mobile telephone network.

21. (New) The method as recited in Claim 16, further comprising:
checking the command sequence in the processing unit.

22. (New) The method as recited in Claim 16, further comprising:
storing the command sequence in a storage unit.

23.   (New) The method as recited in Claim 16, further comprising:
        transmitting data from the monitoring unit.

24.   (New) The method as recited in Claim 16, further comprising:
        transmitting a message when a specific criterion is met.

25.   (New) A device for recording operating data, comprising:
        an arrangement for generating a command sequence;
        a communication module for transmitting the command sequence to a monitoring unit in the motor vehicle;
        a processing unit for processing the command sequence; and
        a storage unit.

26.   (New) The device as recited in Claim 25, further comprising:
        a display unit.

27.   (New) The device as recited in Claim 25, further comprising:
        operational control elements.

28.   (New) A method for recording operating data of a motor vehicle, comprising:
        causing a monitoring unit in the motor vehicle to receive a generated command sequence; and
        processing the generated command sequence in a processing unit in the monitoring unit.

29.   (New) A recording medium storing a computer program that when executed results in a performance of a method comprising:
        generating a command sequence;
        transmitting the command sequence to a monitoring unit in a motor vehicle; and
        processing the command sequence in a processing unit in the monitoring unit.